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Attorney Docket No.: MGRN:376

Date: April 16, 2004

Prior Application:

Examiner: Gary L. Laxton

Group Art Unit: 2838

Sir:

This is a

☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

☐ Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/632,266, filed August 3, 2000 for  
[Title as filed]: TRIP DEVICE COMPRISING AN IMPROVED MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE  
AND CIRCUIT BREAKER COMPRISING SUCH A TRIP DEVICE

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Alain DEL VECCHIO, Francois VINCENT, and Luc WEYNACHTER

1. ☐ A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY  
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee  
\$770.00

Total claims	14	-20 =	0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	
Independent claims	2	- 3 =	0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	
Total Filing Fee.....			=	\$770.00

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (CK# 17552).  
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.

5. ☐ Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is  
retained for filing purposes.

6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:

--This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division of application Serial No.  
\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_, , which in turn is a national stage entry of  
International Application No. filed designating the U.S., which  
claims the benefit of Application No. filed .--

7. ☐ Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was  
not entered therein.

8. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. 9911549, filed September 13,  
1999; in France is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☒ The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/632,266 on  
August 3, 2000.

☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.

9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SQUARE D COMPANY  
Recorded at Reel 010998, Frame 0172.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

[x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[x] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. [x] An Amendment is enclosed herewith.

13. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. [x] A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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